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ST MARGARET'S

WHITNASH

Sundays 26th April 3rd May 2026

Our mission at St. Margaret's is:

"To receive God's love in Christ and to share it with all"

Website: WWW.SMCW.ORG



Sunday 26th April

10:00 a.m. **Morning Worship Volunteer Sunday**

Reading Luke 10:25-37

4:00pm **Connect @ 4** at the Church Centre

7:00pm **Encounter Worship** in Church

Thursday 30th April

10:30 a.m. **BCP Holy Communion**

Sunday 3rd May

10:00a.m. **Morning Worship**

Reading 1 Samuel 8:4-22

4:00pm **Connect @ 4** at the Church Centre

Thursday 7th May

10:30 a.m. **BCP Holy Communion**

COLLECTIONS AT SERVICES: Please make your offerings on the wooden plates or on the ConnectTin machine, at the entry and exit doors to the Church, as we don't pass the offertory plate around during the service. Many thanks.

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Your prayers are asked for the following people:

Sophina Huggan, Alan Sperring, Ben Stafford, David Lloyd, Alistair McFarlane, Roger Perrin, Shirley Simms, Stuart Forrest, Paul Yarwood, Laura Greenway (Sperring), Jonny Stafford, Chloe Thomas

For the bereaved family & friends of:

Mission Prayers: THRIVE

Pass on what God gives you – your gifts, your riches

This is what Thrive is all about. Passing on to the next generation faith, hope and encouragement. Tim, one of our experienced team, met up with youth worker Jon* recently for their monthly mentoring meeting. In Tim's mind was the phrase "look to the good" along with a particular Bible verse.

Over coffee, when the time was right, Tim shared what God had put on his heart. Jon talked about how sad he was that a whole group of young people he deeply cared for were due to move on to higher education or gap years.

Tim then gave Jon a very specific picture that offered a fresh perspective of hope and promise. This picture was familiar to Jon since someone else had recently shared the exact same picture.

The result? Jon left knowing God cared deeply for him and he was encouraged in his youth ministry.

Please be generous, with your gifts, your time and your finances.

Together, as Christ's body we are seeing God's kingdom come on earth. Thank you for your partnership with Thrive.

Blessings, Andy Castle Founder & CEO

Tearfund Boxes: Please could you let Maureen have your boxes so she can count the contributions and send them to Tearfund? Thank you.

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Encounter:

Our monthly worship service will be held in Church on **Sunday 26th April**, gathering at 7pm for refreshments with the service starting at 7.15pm. All are very welcome.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Sunday 10th May 2026

Our APCM will take place on Sunday 10th May, in Church, after our Morning Worship. All are welcome to attend.

EX-MU FRIENDSHIP GROUP meetings in Chapter House:

1pm Tuesday 19th May.....Celebration Lunch

2pm Tuesday 14th July.....Creative time

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Cathy Shearn 07975617689

St Margaret's Circle 4th May After a great well attended AGM and a wonderful inspiring talk from Barbara in April, something different for this month's meeting, which will be on **Monday 4th May 7.30pm** in the Chapter House: 'Basketry & Willow Sculpture' by Deborah Jones, and a chance to have a go! I think this is a first for SMC so don't miss it - all ladies (& gents) very welcome.

Guests £ 4 and a gentle reminder that members subs are due if not yet paid.

Lynn Barber, Leader SMC.

Games Café Dates:

We will be hosting our games café at St. Margaret's Church Centre on the following dates.

Saturday 16th May

Saturday 20th June

Saturday 18th July

Entry: £2 per adult, £1 per under 18. All are very welcome!

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Church Duties: After many years of faithful service by our lovely Pauline, the mantle of organising the duty rota has fallen to me! We have teams of dedicated people to:

1. get things ready for the Sunday morning service and welcome the congregation
2. read the lesson
3. prepare and lead the prayers
4. prepare and serve refreshments after the service

All these wonderful people do a sterling job in rotation. They have my grateful thanks. Yet there is always room for more of you to have a go! Please let me know if you would like to. Anne 😊

Deep Sea Divers Holiday Club – 4th 7th August 2026

We are running our summer holiday club for children in years 1-6 (school year 25/26) **9.30am – 2pm** at St Margaret's Church Centre Please book via our website www.smcw.org

Cost is £30 per child, which includes a hot lunch. If cost is concern, please reach out us, we don't want it to be a barrier.

Cut off for notices to be added to the newsletter:

It would be really helpful to Jay and Anne if you could please let Anne have your notices for the newsletter by the **Wednesday afternoon** before the newsletter is published. The next date for that will be **Wednesday 6th May 2026.** Very many thanks.

- If you'd like to add a notice in our newsletter, please contact Anne on: anne@horsley.uk
- If you would like to be added or removed from the mailing list, please email Jay on office.st.margc@gmail.com